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For: "FIXTURELESS METHOD OF
MANUFACTURE OF BONDED
ACTUATOR/COIL ASSEMBLIES"

) Group Art Unit: 2627
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) Examiner: M. Kayrish
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) RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION
) REQUIREMENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>6/6/06</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MARSH FISCHMANN & BREYFOGLE, LLP</p> <p>BY: <u>[Signature]</u></p>
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Response to address the comments provided by the Examiner in an Office Action having a mailing date of April 6, 2006. Enclosed is a petition for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the time period for response from May 6, 2006 to June 6, 2006. Also enclosed is a check for the amount of \$120 as the fee for this extension. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1419

Generally, the Examiner is taking the position the above-noted Office Action that multiple inventions are being presented in the above-captioned patent application: Group I (Claims 1-42) and Group II (Claims 43-51). Applicant provisionally elects Group I (Claims 1-42) with traverse.

Although independent Claims 1 and 43 are directed to a method and apparatus, respectively, each of these claims is directed to how the coil is integrated with actuator. Generally and in each of Claims 1 and 43, the coil is overmolded, and this overmolded part includes at least one adhesive receptacle in which an adhesive is disposed. Restriction is not required in each instance where two inventions are distinct. Here, a common search should apply to each of Claims 1 and 43.

The Examiner takes the position that the actuator/coil assembly of Claim 43 can be manufactured by another and materially different method that does not require wicking, attaching a bobbin to the coil, or providing two bonding operations. Applicant notes that none of these "steps" is presented by independent Claim 1.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider examining Claims 1-51 in the above-captioned patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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